¶ By the King.

A Proclamation for transplantation of the Greames.

Forasmuch as all our Subiects in the North parts, who haue felt the smart of the spoyles and outrages done vpon them at our first entry into this Kingdome by diuers Borderers, but specially by the Greames, cannot be ignorant what care wee haue had that punishment should be done vpon the offenders, hauing for that purpose to our great charge, maintained both Forces to apprehend them, and Commissioners to try them according to the Law, by whose trauell, namely of our cousen the Earle of Cumberland our Lieutenant here, with assistance of other Commissioners, things are brought to that point, that the Offenders are all in our Mercy, and doe all (but specially the Greames) confesse themselues to bee no meete persons to liue in those Countreys, And therefore haue humbly besought vs that they might bee remoued to some other Parts, where with our gracious fauour, they hope to liue to become new men, and deserue our Mercy. Although we do confesse that wee haue rather inclined to this course of Mercy, as a thing more agreeable to our Nature, then the taking of so much blood as would be shed if we should leaue them to the iust censure of the Law: Neuertheleſſe, leſt our good Subiects seeing no such execution presently follow of our said Commission, should make other construction thereof, then is cause; Wee haue thought good to make knowen to them, that this course for the present proceedeth from no alteration of our former detestation of such iniury, or want of care and affection to our good Subiects, oppressed by such heynous Offenders; but onely for lacke of meanes to prouide presently for the Transplantation of these Greames elsewhere, to the intent their lands may be inhabited by others of good and honest conuersation. Wee haue thought it not amisse for better effecting hereof, and for ease of the Prisons, to dismisse the vulgar sort of them, retaining their Heads and Principals for Pledges, not onely to be answerable for their forthcomming when they shall be called for, but for their good behauiour also in the meane season. Of all which our resolution, we require all persons to take notice, and to comfort themselues with full assurance, that they shall finde the effects at all times of our Promises in all things tending to the weale of our people.

Giuen at Wilton, the fourth day of December, in the first yeere of our Reigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the seuen and thirtieth.

God saue the King.

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